

DX LISTENING DIGEST 1-074, May 21, 2001
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[NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn]

** ALBANIA. Someone on R. Tirana doesn't know their UTC. Check out announcement of sked which is really 0145 and 0230 on 6115 and 7160 (Bob Thomas, CT, May 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. Amigos, escuta verificada: 4951 19/05 0532. R·dio Nacional, Luanda. ComunicaÁ,,o por locutora em português, com informaÁies políticas de Angola. Sinal regular. 73s, (Rudolf Grimm, S,,o Bernardo, SP, DX Clube do Brasil Member, radioescutas via DXLD)

R·dio Nacional, Luanda, noted 4950, apparently reactivated as unheard there for some time, Portuguese 2140 to 2200, large signal, May 20 (Bob Padula, EDXP via DXLD) Bob loves to round off frequencies

** AUSTRALIA/UK/Cyprus. Cyprus uplink deal for Christian Voice |
Excerpt from press release from UK transmission company Merlin Communications on 17 May

17 May: Iris Gateway Satellite Services, the joint venture between Merlin Communications and the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority (CyTA) has signed a contract with Christian Voice International for provision of a turnaround service at the Makarios earth station in Cyprus. The contract will see IRIS deliver the Christian Voice International radio service to Christian Voice International's transmission sites in Australia and Asia, utilizing capacity on IRIS' multiplex on AsiaSat 2.

Programme material is distributed from Christian Voice's studios in the [English] Midlands and uplinked onto Intelsat 804. IRIS then receives the signal and uplinks the service onto AsiaSat 2, where it is downlinked to Christian Voice's shortwave transmission site in Darwin, Australia. Content is then re-broadcast in English on shortwave to key target audiences in South East Asia and China. Services in other languages will later be developed from Christian Voice's facility in Maroochydore, Australia...

Source: Merlin Communications press release, London, in English 17
May 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Rádío Senado passa a transmitir em ondas curtas
Segunda, 21 de maio de 2001, 09h14

A Radiobrás coloca à disposição da rádío Senado, a partir de hoje, um transmissor que permitirá que a emissora transmita em ondas curtas, em tempo real, as atividades do plenário e das comissões para as populações das regiões Norte, Nordeste e Centro-Oeste (Agência Brasil - do site <http://www.terra.com.br>) (Célio Romais, Brazil, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST) QEAFK?! 6180?

** BRAZIL. We should have waited for Thomas Nilsson's translation, as we also guessed wrong in DXLD 1-073 at what the initials of the contributor JE meant:

12209.95 9.5 2159 Rádío Cultura Filadélfia again weak but clean on its harmonic. Announcement for A Voz do Brasil. Completely disturbed on 6104,98, but heard there half an hour later. JE (Jan Edh, Sweden, SW Bulletin via DXLD)

** CANADA. Hi, Glenn! On Wednesday, May 16 '01, tried to tune to BBC relay on 17840 kHz during the 1700-1800 UT hour and heard R. Polonia instead. Then heard a WRN1 announcement at 1759 followed by RTE Radio 1. Suddenly at 1817 UT switched in mid-sentence to BBC's "Outlook". Also I had noticed in passing earlier that day that the regular BBC relay freqs had something else on them. I wonder if this is to condition us for the lack of BBC that comes up in a couple months! 73, (Will Martin, MO, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Glenn, Like the U.S. Memorial Day weekend a week later, the unofficial start to summer in Canada. In southern Ontario, usually spent opening up the cottage (along with massive traffic jams leaving Toronto Friday afternoon and returning Monday evening) or planting the garden. Also used to be when fireworks were set off, but Canada Day has now become the day to celebrate with fireworks, although you still hear the odd firecracker go off after 9 PM here this weekend (Ivan Grishin, Ont., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I waited until 2300+ UT to hear the ``4 pm`` CBC Victoria Day special via Vancouver, but they didn't run it, continued with own local programming ñ- so caught the last hour of it instead from Calgary. Dead Dog Cafe this morning via RCI was rather amusing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Broadcaster found dead in Santander | Text of report by

Colombian newspaper El Tiempo web site on 19 May

Journalist Edgar Tabera Gaona, 38 years old, was killed yesterday at a ranch outside Guepsa Municipality in Santander Department, apparently by members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

Tabera, who worked for a radio station in that area, is the fourth journalist killed this year in Colombia.

"The investigations that we have carried out and the testimonies of the people in the area allow us to state with certainty that the murder was carried out by the FARC," a police officer said in Bucaramanga, the capital of Santander. The journalist died of a pistol shot to the head, he specified.

Colombia is considered one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists, according to organizations such as the Inter-American Press Association and Reporters Without Borders.

Last year, eight journalists were killed in Colombia and 10 were kidnapped, while another dozen fled the country after becoming the target of death threats.

Since 1980, more than 100 Colombian journalists have died in attacks attributed to drug traffickers, paramilitaries, or guerrillas.

In the beginning of May, during the celebration of World Press Freedom Day, FARC leader Manuel Marulanda and paramilitary leader Carlos Castaño were classified as "enemies of the press" by international journalist defence groups.

Source: El Tiempo web site, Bogotá, in Spanish 19 May 01 (via BBCM via DXLD) Still want to QSL FARC station?

** CONGO. Radio Congo, Brazzaville, has popped up on its traditional, though recent inactive frequency, of 4765. Noted here at huge level from May 19, 2030 through until s/off at 2300, carrying African dialects and French. No sign of it on 5985, presumed replaced by 60 mb (Bob Padula, EDXP via DXLD)

Inaudible here around 2245 UT May 21; too much daylight on path here. Should be OK for morning sign-on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. I have received an interesting and unusual package of stuff from Radio Habana Cuba. This included a large multi-coloured "Certificado", commemorating more than 28 years of monitoring for

RHC, plus two giant sized colored posters marking previous anniversaries of RHC. The 40-th anniversary was on May 1, 2001. Now, all that they need to do is to start a service directly to Australia - I'm sure that they will have at least two listeners, Don Rhodes and myself! (Bob Padula, EDXP via DXLD)

** INDIA. Dear friends, The following info regarding All India Radio may be useful for you.

Mr S. A. S. Abidi, who was earlier dealing with reception reports, retired on 31st March 1998. Presently Mr Rakesh Tyagi, Asst Director Engg (FA), is looking after planning of HF services of AIR. Normally QSL cards are issued by Frequency Assignment Section of Directorate General, All India Radio to the listeners for sending the reception reports from outside the target area of the concerned AIR stations. AIR stations do not issue QSL cards directly. In case reception report is received directly by the station, the same is forwarded again to Frequency Assignment Section for issue of QSL card after due verification of the contents of the programme.

Presently they are eagerly asking for the reception report for the following broadcasts:

Service	UT	Frequency, kHz
Tamil	0000-0045	9835, 4790 & 1035
Do	1115-1215	15075, 17860 & 1053
Sinhala	1300-1500	9700, 15020 & 1053
AIR internal services	0125-0400	11830
	0700-0840	15260
	1220-1245	17860
	1330-1830	9835

Reception reports shall be sent to : Broadcasting Corporation of India Directorate General, All India Radio, Akashbani Bhavan, New Delhi-110001, INDIA

Tel/Fax :+91 11 3714062,3710145 Email: faair@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in

Thanks & regards, (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

** ITALY. Like BRAZIL, fixing item in last issue:

6231.45 9.5 2210 Radio Speranza with station call. Otherwise music. QSA 3 JE (Jan Edh, Sweden, SW Bulletin, translated by ed. Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

** LITHUANIA. Glenn, Reception of R. Vilnius as follows. May 21, 2001 2330 UT 9875 kHz SINPO 43543 QRM unknown station on 9875 kHz. I heard English and another language from the interfering station. R. Free Asia??? From 2359 UT severe QRM from R. Austria Int. on 9870 kHz. Not much of a problem as the R. Vilnius bc was ending. May 22, 2001 0030 UT 11690 kHz SINPO 44544 QRM VOA on 11695 kHz. Overall enjoyable listening. 73, (Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, VA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. This week on Oklahoma's Public Radio <http://www.kosu.org> listings in CDT = UT -5

* "Oklahoma Audio Almanac" - Host Steve Kite remembers the history of classical music in Oklahoma with the formation of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Society and the 1891 performances of pianist Maude Richards. Wednesday at 7:30 a.m.

* "The Front Row" - KOSU's Kelly Burley previews "A Song of Greenwood," a musical drama based on the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921. Hear from the director, choreographer, and performers of this unique stage production, which will begin on the 80th anniversary of the riot. Friday at 9 a.m.

* KOSU will also profile the new and improved listening options at KOSU.ORG. Friday at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (KOSU list via gh, DXLD)

Also recommended on KOSU: Friday with Frosty (Troy, political commentary), at 7:29 am and 3:29 pm (gh, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Hi Glenn- Radio Taipei, Taiwan announced these new English frequencies to go into effect as of June 1, 2001

To South East Asia-
0200-0300 11740
0300-0400 15320
1400-1500 15265

To Japan/Korea-
0200-0300 15345

To the Philippines-
0300-0400 11875
(Bill Bergadano, Freehold, New Jersey, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Glenn, FYI, RUI will continue using 12040 to North America as mentioned in the following. I first noticed the buzzing

during the 0000 UT May 20, 2001 broadcast. Reminds me of the R. Moscow tx (Kraig Krist)

Sent: Monday, May 21, 2001 12:42 PM Subject: Goal is reached!

Dear Kraig, We thank you very much for your regular reports on 12040 kHz. Yes, the goal is reached - now we see that RUI is heard in USA sometimes well but regularly without QRM. That means that the frequency was chosen right. Now we must adjust the transmitter - it began buzzing. With the best regards, Alexander Yegorov [RUI]. 73, (-.. . Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, VA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES/THAILAND [et al.]. Open Carrier on 15395 comes on at 0000, S 2-3; there's propagation roll, no audio. Continues until 0200, then shifts up to 15400. It's UAE Radio, Dubai. Starts Arabic programming, later English at 0330 on 13675, 15400, and behind [Tunisia] on 12005. R. Thailand English at 0030?? Not on 15395. Only UAE open carrier. Not on 13695 -ñ that's silent. Also heavy splash from 13700 Portugal. Also some splash on 15395 by Madrid 15385 (Bob Thomas, CT, May 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST) {FWIW, RTG still on IBB schedule 0030 15395 as of May 22 -gh}

** U K/ U S A/INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. I wish you all success convincing the BBC to continue SW to North America. I may be a pessimist but I think the BBC has already made up their minds and the momentum is too great to overcome. Turning around a behemoth like the BBC is equivalent to turning around a battleship going at full steam. I think a backup plan is in order. I want to see if can make lemonade out of this lemon.

Today I sent the following message to Charlie Ergen, the head honcho at Echostar which operates the Dish Network DBS service. If any of you agree with me, consider doing something similar with Direct TV or your local cable company.

"The BBC has announced that they will be terminating their World Service audio stream to the USA on shortwave radio in July. They plan to rely on FM rebroadcasters, cable companies, internet streaming, and direct satellite broadcasters to get their programs to the USA audience.

"XM Satellite Radio and Sirius have already signed contracts with the BBC to provide this service to USA listeners in their cars. I do not intend to subscribe to either XM or Sirius services as I do not spend enough time in my car to make it worthwhile. I am already a Dish Network customer.

"I suggest that BBC's quality news and cultural programs could be

carried on Dish Network. Their service is already available to you as a subcarrier on CSPAN which is how the cable companies receive it. Seven of the 50 States have no BBC local FM radio rebroadcasts. More than half the States have 3 or fewer cities with FM rebroadcasts and these generally only carry a few hours of the BBC 24 hour service. BBC World Service audio could give Dish Network an edge in attracting more customers from cable TV systems that do not carry BBC.

"You already offer Radio France International's French language service as an à la carte option for French language speakers. I would be willing to pay an additional \$1.00 per month to receive BBC cultural and news programming on a similar basis. Availability of bandwidth should not be an issue as audio services require much lower data rates than video.

"Please consider this suggestion. You could serve another niche market with this service and provide fans of BBC World Service another reason to dump their cable. Thanks." (N2JB, Joe Buch, swprograms via DXLD)

A couple of follow up notes... as Simon Hicks has accurately pointed out to me, I have a typo in this... it is William Hague. Also, since Parliament was dissolved, technically no one is an MP at present.

Francis Maude, MP, Shadow Foreign Secretary
fax: +44 1403-210600

William Hague, MP, Leader Conservative Party [not Hauge]
fax: +44 1609-778172

Robin Cook, MP, Foreign Secretary
fax: +44 171-2702144 (this I have not verified)
(Rob K. De Santos, swprograms via DXLD)

Y'know..... Another interesting angle to all this is that the BBCWS is cutting off three rather prominent members of the Commonwealth with this action -- all nations with English as at least one of the official languages. Now, they could arguably not care about cutting off the USA...but I wonder how British pols would react to the idea that the BBC no longer adequately serves Commonwealth audiences in Canada, Australia and NZ. (NZ, BTW, has the "best" 24 hour non-SW coverage -- 30% of the country's population via a MW transmitter on 1476 out of Wellington or Auckland, I believe. 30% is a pretty low target in itself, but the availability in Canada and Australia has to be putrid compared even to that figure.) (John Figliozi, swprograms via DXLD)

Subject: "Opinion makers and decision keepers"

I read that Mark Byford described the target audience of the BBC WS as "opinion formers and decision makers". Actually I was expecting that he would use the very same description like two years ago when the BBC WS eliminated its German service. Hence I concluded a comment I wrote for the German "Radio-Kurier" magazine just two days before it was to go to the printer this way: ``Die bei der Einstellung des deutschen Dienstes bem,hten "opinion makers and decision keepers" lassen gr,flen.``

Who is an opinion keeper and decision former? In any case it is a person who understands English well enough to follow an in-depth broadcast, i.e. well above the usual school level. So the BBC WS considers farmers or workers at Wilsdruff, Wiederau, Wachenbrunn or elsewhere in the German provinces as not belonging to its target audience, and it is certainly possible to conclude whether or not a farmer in Iowa belongs to this group. By the way, this Byford statement about "opinion makers and decision keepers" was here in Germany widely considered as especially annoying. Of course no word about this was heard in the very last broadcast of the German service, this censored alibi call-in show.

Also some words about the coverage of BBC WS in Europe, which was described by John Figliozzi as "wider": I am not sure if this is true. Indeed quite a lot of BBC WS outlets exist in eastern Germany, first of all 90.2 at Berlin, although I received word that the former power of 50 kW was significantly reduced (supposedly to 2 kW only) when this outlet was removed from the former Olympia stadium BFBS site to the Alexanderplatz TV tower. If so, then it would fit into the picture: Why using 50 kW to serve the steppe, where no OFDM lives? Further BBC WS outlets exist in Saxonia and Thuringia, shared with either RFI or citizen radio services, but all these transmitters are low powered ones; the 98.2 outlet at Leipzig is so poor than it not even serves the city properly. In short, the coverage of BBC WS on FM is limited to certain places only but far away from being complete.

Regarding mediumwave: Indeed BBC WS can be heard in the western parts of Germany all-day on 648, but this is a 500 kW long-range transmitter, actually stuff like shortwave but no nice local outlet which could attract OFDM. One should also note that the shortwave service to Europe was already cut: They no longer use 3955 at night and 9410 is no longer on all-day but only in the morning and evening hours. Otherwise the well-known shortwave channels are still up. Noch. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, May 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

★★ U K. BBC Radio 2, 3, 4, picks for Tue-Fri May 22-25

[1200-2400 UT period only considered]

TUESDAY May 22

3 1500-1600 UT: 16:00 Voices

Iain Burnside introduces a selection of songs influenced by the theories of Sigmund Freud - from the tense psychodramas of Berg and Schoenberg to Kurt Weill's 'Lady in the Dark' and the less reverential treatments of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.

4 1730-1800 UT: 18:30 Revolting People

Comedy series by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses, set in Baltimore just before the American Revolution.

Part 5: Mary is wooed by a newly arrived captain, but little does she know he's recently been named Cad of the Year by the Bounder's Gazette.

Samuel.....Jay Tarses

Ezekiel.....Hugh Dennis

McGurk.....Andy Hamilton

Cora.....Penelope Nice

Brimshaw.....James Fleet

Joshua.....Tony Maudsley

Mary.....Jan Ravens

Dashmount.....Michael Fenton Stevens

News follows.

2 1800-1900 UT: 19:00 Carl Davis Classics

American composer and conductor Carl Davis presents an 11-part series featuring classic tracks from stage, screen, concert hall and opera.

2 1900-2000 UT: 20:00 The Organist Entertains

Nigel Ogden presents music and news from the organ and keyboard world, with favourites from stage and screen. Phone 0870 0100 200 [national rates] for a list of organ clubs.

2 2000-2100 UT: 21:00 The Bee Gees Story

Steve Wright concludes a three-part profile of the sibling superstars. In this programme, the Bee Gees reveal the secret of writing hits for some of the world's greatest stars.

2 2100-2130 UT: 22:00 High Notes And Home Runs

The New James: In an eight-part series Campbell Burnap presents the extraordinary story of one of the Swing Era's most outstanding bandleaders, trumpeter Harry James.

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

4 2000-2030: 21:00 Frontiers

Peter Evans examines how new observations of black holes, which are being discovered throughout space, are revolutionising ideas of black hole activity and look set to answer some of the most fundamental questions in physics.

2 2100-2130 UT: 22:00 Boogie Nights

Boy George continues his remembrance of disco. Tonight legendary synth man Giorgio Moroder, Evelyn 'Champagne' King, and Diana Ross are showcased.

3 2115-2305: 22:15 Late Junction

Fiona Talkington investigates some of the artists appearing at this year's Salisbury Festival, including Marilyn Mazur, Iain Bellamy and Farmer's Market. Plus traditional music from Bulgaria, a string quartet by Terry Riley and music by Tibetan monks and Swedish sopranos.

THURSDAY MAY 24

3 1500-1600 UT: 16:00 Music Restored

Medieval writers believed that the name Jerusalem meant vision of peace and devotion to this holy city found its keenest expression in the Crusades that took place in the 12th and 13th Centuries. In a programme that includes specially recorded music, Gothic Voices explore the rich repertoire of Medieval music from this time. Including plainchant and polyphony from Europe and Hildegard of Bingen's setting of a Responsory for the Feast of Martyrs, *Vos flores rosarum*.

4 1530-1600 UT: 16:30 The Material World

Many ancient documents, wall paintings and inscriptions have been so damaged by the passing of time that they are no longer legible. Quentin Cooper talks to Tom Malzbender from Hewlett-Packard and Dr Steven Booras from Brigham Young University in Utah about new digital and imaging technologies that make it possible to decipher severely damaged documents. Classical scholars are understandably excited by these developments - and so are modern forensic scientists. Might the technologies that illuminate ancient manuscripts also help to highlight the fingerprints left by criminals?

4 1730-1800 UT: 18:30 The Very World of Milton Jones

Award-winning comedy show, written by and starring Milton Jones. News summary follows.

4 2000-2030 UT: 21:00 Leading Edge

As well as the hot science topics of the week, Geoff Watts visits Nottingham University to learn about Quorum sensing.

No, it's not a new political initiative, but the study of what bacteria get up to when they are in a crowd.

We all know that there's safety in numbers, yet bacteria seem to have a particularly acute awareness of this. Scientists are hoping to understand how these cunning organisms communicate with each other in order to create better drugs to tackle them.

2 2030-2100 UT: 21:30 The News Huddlines

Roy Hudd, June Whitfield and Chris Emmett with a satirical revue based on the week's news. With Richard Clegg and music from Peter Moss and the Huddliners.

FRIDAY MAY 25

4 1400-1430 UT: 15:00 Veg Talk

Radio 4's interactive tribute to fresh fruit and vegetables returns for a new summer series.

Gleeful greengrocers Gregg Wallace and Charlie Hicks are joined today by Rose Gray from the celebrated River Cafe for a paeon to Italian greens. Call the show on 08700 10 0444 [national rates].

3 1500-1600 UT: 16:00 Jazz Legends

Julian Joseph presents a profile of the great trombonist, arranger and composer J J Johnson, who died earlier this year.

Johnson began his career in the big bands of Benny Carter and Count Basie, and went on to work in small groups with the likes of bassist Oscar Pettiford, trumpeter Miles Davis and fellow trombonist Kai Winding.

The programme includes excerpts from a BBC session recorded in 1964 with Howard McGhee (trumpet), Sonny Stitt (alto sax), Walter Bishop (piano), Tommy Potter (bass) and Kenny Clarke (drums).

4 1730-1800 UT: 18:30 The News Quiz

Simon Hoggart hosts the topical panel game, which comes from the Grand Opera House in York as part of BBC Music Live. [Rptd Sat 12.30pm]. Then News.

2 1830-2015 UT: 19:30 Friday Night Is Music Night

Live from St George's Hall, Bradford, Brian Kay presents the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Robin Stapleton, with guests Mary Plazas, Sally Burgess and the Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band.

2 2030-2100 UT: 21:30 Listen To The Band

As part of BBC's Music Live, Frank Renton presents the first of two programmes featuring the Williams Fairey Band, conducted by Howard Snell, in a concert recorded last night in Morley Town Hall.

2 2100-2130 UT: 22:00 Keep The Music Playing

David Jacobs presents a four part series chronicling the life and works of Hollywood lyricists, Alan and Marilyn Bergman. Part 2. The Way We Were: Marvin Hamlisch recalls working with the writers.

3 2115-2230 UT: 22:15 Andy Kershaw

Andy Kershaw presents music from around the world. Including highlights from a BBC Music Live concert recorded on Wednesday at the Alhambra Studio Theatre in Bradford, featuring one of the most influential figures in English traditional music, Martin Carthy, singing with his wife Norma Waterson in a concert to celebrate his sixtieth birthday.

4 2200-2230 UT: 23:00 The Copysnatchers

David Aaronovitch with the topical chat show in which British-based guests from around the world observe, parody and dissect current stories from a foreign perspective.

(BBC What's On websites, chosen by gh for DXLD)

** U S A. Subject: Boston on 1600+ kHz medium-wave [follow up to DXLD 1-063]

Today, courtesy of a traffic jam on the expressway through Boston, Massachusetts, going north from Braintree at around 5 pm, I scanned the 1600+ kHz band for stations while near and in Boston. I heard two new stations on 1620 and 1690 kHz and a possible ID on my mystery station on 1670 kHz.

1620 kHz was booming in on the car radio around Morrissey(sp?) Boulevard in Dorchester (part of Boston). Had Caribbean-type music and definite French-related language by DJ (French-Haitian-Creole?). My wife and I both heard an ID that sounded something like "Radio Energie" (Energy?) by male at 5:10 pm local EDT (2110 UT).

1690 kHz was also heard in Dorchester. Heard at 5:20 pm local with unknown artist doing an EE cover of Stevie Wonder's song "This Time Could Mean Goodbye". Couldn't ID announcer's language due to noise. Faded rapidly as I went north of Boston.

Heard presumed Allston-Brighton Free Radio (ABFR) in EE on 1670 kHz coming in near the Fleet Center (still in Boston). Was playing an English taped speech.

But as I drove farther north on Route 93, ABFR faded out and a mystery station on 1670 kHz with music faded in. (Sounded like French-Creole.) At 5:35pm, I heard the woman announcer say something like "Rah-dee-oh Pah-chey" (Radio Pace meaning Radio Peace?). Then went into unknown artist's cover of Cyndi Lauper's "All Through the Night" in UNID language.

Who knew you could have a mini-DXpedition in your car in Boston?
So next time you're in a traffic jam, check the 1600 kHz band. I
heard 5 stations (1620 R. Energy?, 1640 R. Nouveauté(p), 1670
Allston-Brighton Free Radio(p) and R. Pace(?), and 1690 UNID). I used
to hate traffic jams. :-) enjoy, (Paul McDonough, Medford, Mass., May
20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [clandestine]. United Patriot Radio: 6900/U, 1738-1948*, 21-
May; Busted? 1739 relayed Genesis px cut abruptly & ancr sed "At this
time UPR leaves the air, it's a said day in America". Took phone call
off-air but hrd; "I'm outta here...who called?" 1741 "Stand by folks"
then DA* to 1744; sed would explain later. Back to Genesis px. 1800
& 1900, WWFV ID only. 1826 UPR ancr sed they've had a heads-up that
the Federal authorities were about to make a visit; he was putting
station on automatic & they probably would not be on tonight. Relayed
px // 12172 WWFV throughout; Genesis till 1900 then National Intell
Report. 1948 abrupt sig loss! Intell Report still going on 12172
WWFV. SI0=353+. Still silent at 2003 (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING
DIGEST) {* dead air, I assume. The WWFV ID evidently is put on the
Genesis Network feed since its primary outlet is WWFV, so you might
indeed hear WWFV ID actually on UPR! -gh}

Inaudible here around 1912 when Harold says it was still on, but at
2250 recheck audible with normal programming, so not busted yet. 2259
Steve Anderson made some remark I could not catch, 2300 Genesis
Network continued with Power Hour. See what he says during Militia
Hour at 0200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

They came back up suddenly @2115; sed they had a circuit
breaker open but that they "remained vigilant". ñ (Harold Frodge, MI,
DXLD)

** U S A / AUSTRALIA. Mindfood previews M-F May 21-25:

WAMU Diane Rehm:

Monday May 21 was 1500-1600 UT:

11:00 - Don Hewitt: Tell Me A Story (Public Affairs)

Listen in RealAudio! [od]

Don Hewitt is the creator and executive producer of CBS's
newsmagazine "60 Minutes." He joins Diane to talk about the memoir of
his television career and to recount some of the greatest stories
he's heard and seen on- and off-air.

National Press Club: 1700-1800 UT: [od]

Monday May 21, 1 p.m. ET

Stefanie Powers,

Actress and President of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation

Monday May 21: The Connection: [od, evening repeats]

The Congo: In the Footsteps of Mr. Kurtz. Mobutu Sese Seko. His name conjures up the same images time and time again: the leopard hat, the cane, the pink champagne, the jungle palaces.

Guests: Michela Wrong, author of "The Congo: In the Footsteps of Mr. Kurtz"

Second Hour

The Queen of Sheba. Out of the desert sands she comes.

Guests: Nicholas Clapp, author of "Sheba: Through the Desert in Search of the Legendary Queen."

WGN Extension 720, UT Tue May 22 0205-0400:

MONDAY 21ST MAY

THE TRAVEL DETECTIVE

When once asked whether he had traveled much, Henry David Thoreau replied, "Yes--around Concord." Tonight's guest, PETER GREENBERG, the Travel editor for NBC's Today Show, has seen a bit more than Mr. Thoreau. In fact, Greenberg logs over 400,000 air miles a year! He will offer his surefire travel advice and, inevitably, reveal the most humorous and disheartening of his travel adventures as he visits Extension 720 to discuss his new book THE TRAVEL DETECTIVE.

WAMU Public Interest 1600-1700 UT: [od]

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

12:00 - Author Samuel Delany

Called the James Joyce of science fiction, Samuel Delany has enthralled readers for the past twenty years with his fantastic worlds and complex characters. Join Kojo for a rare opportunity to discuss with Delany some of his best works of fiction.

NATIVE AMERICA CALLING; 1700-1800 UT: [od?]

TUE: 05/22: Recapturing Native Languages:

Even a century ago, there was a rich diversity of tribal languages that echoed throughout Turtle Island. However, oppression, relocation, assimilation and cultural shame have severely decreased the number of Native speakers. But the voices of our ancestors are beginning to echo, through the efforts of groups who are working to revitalize Native languages. How is the tribal community recapturing the voices of their elders? Guests include Ronald Red Elk of the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Committee.

WGN Extension 720: UT Wed May 23 0205-0400 nominal, but delayed start again by stupid ballgame, if not bumped again:

TUESDAY 22ND MAY

ODDBALL WISCONSIN (Rescheduled from May 15)

The World's Largest Talking Cow? The UFO Capital of the World? The

International Clown Hall of Fame? Yes, these are just a few of the bizarre but entertaining attractions in the state of Wisconsin. JEROME POHLEN, who has traveled throughout the Midwest in search of the unusual, joins us tonight after a 7:05 pm ballgame to discuss ODDBALL WISCONSIN: A GUIDE TO SOME REALLY STRANGE PLACES.

WGN Extension 720, UT Thu May 24 0205-0400:

WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY

COSMOLOGY

The 1965 song "The Impossible Dream" calls for its listeners, "To dream the impossible dream, to reach the unreachable star!" In fact, such sentiment has not been merely inspirational. ALAN HIRSHFELD, an astronomer at the University of Massachusetts, reveals the fascinating history of the "reach" for the stars--not in a theoretical or emotional sense, but in the literal sense of measurement. His book PARALLAX: THE RACE TO MEASURE THE COSMOS, details the ways by which such distances are measured. Hirshfeld is joined by local astronomers EVALYN GATES, of Adler Planetarium and the University of Chicago, and MICHAEL TURNER, of the University of Chicago, for a broad discussion of cosmology--though we may also ponder the question of how to go about measuring the distances to other whole universes that MAY exist parallel to our own.

Thursday, May 24, 2001

12 Noon - 2 PM, 1600-1800 UT WNYC 820 AM

New York & Company with Leonard Lopate - Stephen R. Palumbi, author of "The Evolution Explosion", on how humans cause rapid evolutionary change; John Hockenberry, author of novel, "A River Out of Eden"; Howard Sounes, author of "Down the Highway", on the life of Bob Dylan

WAMU Public Interest: 1700-1800 UT [od]

Thursday May 24:

1:00 - James Reston, Jr: Warriors of God: Richard The Lionheart and Saladin in the Third Crusade (Doubleday)

Many of us love movies, such as The Lion in Winter, Ivanhoe, and King Richard and the Crusades, that have fictionalized and romanticized the life of Richard the Lionheart and his counterpart Saladin. James Reston, Jr. joins Kojo to separate fact from fiction, and tell the little known but fascinating life stories of these two men.

WGN Extension 720, UT Fri May 25 0205-0400:

THURSDAY 24TH MAY

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY

For many years, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations has been a leading forum in the Midwest for the presentation, discussion, and review of international politics. Its pioneering research in the field of public opinion and U.S. foreign policy remains a benchmark. During JOHN RIELLY's many years leading the Council, Presidents,

Secretaries of State, world leaders, and leading scholars have all visited and spoken at the Council. At the end of June, John will step down as president, and we welcome him and a panel of experts to the show tonight for an indepth look at the uncertain state of American foreign policy.

Radio Australia UT Fri 0410-0500:

Friday 25 May 2001 Margaret Throsby Interviews:

PHILIP GLASS (repeat) Composer.

His new work Voices, commissioned by the City of Melbourne to re-inaugurate the Town Hall organ, will be premiered Friday 25th.

[This concert with the Melbourne Symphony will be broadcast on ABC Classic FM the next day (Saturday 26th) at noon]

Friday May 25 1700-1800 UT [od]

WAMU Public Interest:

1:00 - Moonshine

One part water, two parts yeast, grain and sugar and one distillery equals a batch of moonshine. With a permanent footnote in American popular culture, moonshine and its makers are an intriguing sort.

Join Kojo for a discussion on the whiskey that's been outlawed since 1791. Join the conversation during Public Interest at 1-800-433-8850, or pi@wamu.org

UT Sat May 26 0000-0100:

Friday, May 25, 2001 8 PM - 9 PM WNYC 93.9 FM

Chamber Music New York - from the Frick Collection: The King's Noyse performs works by Brade, Byrd, Dowland and others

(aggregated by gh from station/program websites/NY Radio Guide for DXLD)

** USA/Philippines: FEBC upgrades antennas at Philippine SW station | Excerpt from press release from US-based Far East Broadcasting Company on 24 April

La Mirada, California, 24 April: Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) recently completed the 3.5m dollar antenna upgrade phase of its SAVE (Southeast Asian Voice of Evangelism) project. SAVE, one of FEBC's largest technical ventures, is located at the transmitter site in Bocaue, Philippines, which is just one of 37 transmitter sites owned and operated by FEBC. The new antennas make it possible for millions of listeners in the most remote parts of Asia to hear programmes at the same calibre as BBC or VOA programmes. {sic!}

The four high-gain antennas are adjustable, allowing the signal to be steered toward targeted areas, which quadruples the strength of the broadcasts. The new antennas first broadcast radio programmes on 12 February 2001 and the results have been very successful according to

FEBC field staff. "The initial reports from programmers living in the field is that the signals have significantly improved," Bob Bartz, systems engineer for FEBC International, said. "I have received e-mail indicating that they are pleased with the much clearer and stronger signal. We praise the Lord for that. The real test will come from the listeners."

Approximately 84,000 letters arrive every month at FEBC offices around the world. Listeners from Asia, particularly Vietnam, Laos and China, have complained about the difficulty in hearing FEBC programmes because of static and interference. It became apparent that the transmitters, which worked well for 40 years, needed a complete overhaul...

In 1990, then-president Dr Robert Bowman expressed concern that the old World War II transmitters and curtain antenna system in Manila would not adequately operate much longer. The equipment had become obsolete and repairs would be difficult. In addition, listeners expressed frustration at not being able to hear the programmes clearly. As a result, plans were implemented to begin building an antenna site on fishing ponds near Manila.

The antenna upgrade phase was one of five in the SAVE project. The first three were completed in 1998. Next, new transmitters will be installed and are expected to be fully operational by the end of 2002. These new transmitters will increase the current 30 kW to 100 kW, providing listeners with a more consistent, stronger signal to ensure that FEBC programmes broadcast regularly without interference.

FEBC and its sister organization, Feba, now broadcast 560 hours of Christian radio programming daily in 153 languages. Current listener response averages 84,000 letters, calls and faxes per month. For more information on the SAVE project and the international radio ministry of FEBC, visit their website at <http://www.febc.org> or call 800-523-3480 for a free copy of the award-winning video, "Hope for Families".

Source: Far East Broadcasting Company, La Mirada (California), in English 24 Apr 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** VATICAN/ITALY. Minister takes credit radio emissions accord |
Text of report in English by Italian news agency ANSA web site

Rome, 19 May: Environment Minister Willer Bordon claimed full credit today for the Italy-Vatican accord to bring electromagnetic emissions from Vatican Radio transmitters into line with Italian law by 31 August.

"Until the environment ministry's line became more pressing, nothing

happened," Bordon said less than 24 hours after the signing of the apparently decisive accord between the government and the Holy See. "Then, in three months, steps were taken that no-one had managed to achieve in several years."

The minister, who has championed the fight to get the emissions brought under the ceiling set by a 1998 decree law, also expressed a certain bitterness at being left isolated by the government in his battle. Bordon resigned earlier this month when he felt the government was taking too soft a line with the Vatican, but later reconsidered. At one point he also threatened to pull the plug on the radio station unless it acted quickly.

Reiterating his full satisfaction at last night's accord, he also noted that the government will contribute "a few gigalire" to the costs of the necessary adjustments at the Vatican Radio transmission site outside Rome.

Meanwhile, scientists working for Italy's National Research Council (CNR) reported today that their experiments have shown that exposure to electromagnetic fields brings about changes in the structure of cells in the human body. Although there was no proof yet that emissions could cause cancer or leukaemia, as has been claimed, the researchers indicated that low frequency electromagnetism definitely had an effect, which could be negative.

Source: ANSA news agency web site, Rome, in English 1330 gmt 19 May 01 (via BBCM via DXLD) #####